

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0009]:

[0009.1] In a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a roof flashing system, such as for use with a chimney which comprises a flashing strip and a base strip. The roof flashing system is used when at least two adjacent walls of the chimney extend upwardly from the roof, and at least one wall-to-roof junction extends in a direction that is substantially parallel to the pitch of the roof, and at least one wall-to-roof junction extends in a direction that is substantially normal to the pitch of the roof. The flashing strip is placed along the junction that extends parallel to the pitch of the roof, while the base strip is placed along the junction that extends normal to the pitch of the roof. The roof flashing system therein provides a device for waterproofing all seams between the roof and walls.

[0009.2] The base strip generally comprises a backing member having a top strip and a bottom strip, both of which extend laterally along the base strip. The top strip and bottom strip extend substantially parallel to each other, and are spaced such that a roofing shingle may be positioned between the top strip and the bottom strip.

Please replace paragraphs [0011], [0012], and [0013] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0011] Fig. 1 is ~~plan~~ a side elevation view of a flashing strip in accordance with the present invention;

[0012] Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view taken along line 2-2 of Fig. 1 and showing a shingle assembled thereo;

[0013] Fig. 3 is a ~~plan side elevation~~ view showing ~~an installation using the present flashing strip; a base strip in accordance with the present invention;~~

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the installation of the roof flashing strip system including the flashing strip and the base strip hereof against a chimney wall.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Each of the legs 18, 18', etc., has a predetermined length such that a portion thereof underlies an adjacent leg. In other words, a portion of each leg 18, 18', etc., proximate the first edge 20 underlies a portion of an adjacent leg proximate its second edge 22' 22, as shown. Thus, there is a gap 24 created or provided between overlying legs leg portions. As is discussed hereinafter and shown in Fig. 2, this gap 24 enables a roofing shingle or tile 30 to be disposed within the gap 24 for securement of the shingle or tile to an appropriate surface, such as a roof 27 or the like.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] It is contemplated that the extent of overlap will vary between 1" and 7" between the consecutive legs 18, 18', etc. However, as is shown in Fig. 1, it is preferred that the legs overlap such that each leg has three distinct portions: a first portion overlying an adjacent leg; an opposite second portion underlying an adjacent leg; and a third middle portion both overlies an adjacent leg and underlies an adjacent leg. This significant level of

overlap is preferred so as to reduce the possibility of leaking once the shingles or tiles have been installed.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] As shown in ~~the drawing~~ Fig. 2 and in use, the shingle 30 is slidably seated in the gap 24 with its bottom surface 32 seated atop the upper surface of the leg ~~18~~ 18" and an edge 34 thereof abutting the plate 14 of the flashing strip or card.

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0031]:

[0031.1] In a further aspect of the present invention, the flashing strip is used in a roof flashing system which comprises a flashing strip 10 and a base strip 36. The roof flashing system is used when at least two adjacent walls extend upwardly from the roof, and at least one wall-to-roof junction extends in a direction that is substantially parallel to the pitch of the roof, and at least one wall-to-roof junction extends in a direction that is substantially normal to the pitch of the roof. The flashing strip is placed along the junction that extends parallel to the pitch of the roof, while the base strip is placed along the junction that extends normal to the pitch of the roof.

[0031.2] As shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the base strip 36 generally comprises a backing wall or backing surface 14. Projecting laterally outwardly from and at an angle α to the surface 14 is a top strip 38 and a bottom strip 42 which extend along the base strip 36. The top strip 38 and bottom strip 42 extend in a direction substantially parallel to each other, and are spaced

such that a shingle or tile may be positioned between the top strip 38 and the bottom strip 42.